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**SIMPSON COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS**  
**FOR ATTEMPTING TO MANUFACTURE METHAMPHETAMINE**

*– Found in Possession of Tank of Anhydrous Ammonia*

BOWLING GREEN, KY - **Ted David James**, age 35, of Franklin, Kentucky, in Simpson County, was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky, for attempting to manufacture methamphetamine, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today. Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced James to 3 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

In his previous plea of guilty, James had admitted that on or about September 6, 2005, he had committed the crime of attempting to manufacture methamphetamine by gathering together some of the necessary ingredients with the intent to produce methamphetamine. The commercial value of methamphetamine in this area is approximately \$1,000 per ounce.

U.S. Attorney Huber praised the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force for “their quick action in keeping this lethal meth from distribution.”

The case developed when police received a tip that James had buried a tank on his property which contained anhydrous ammonia, an essential component of methamphetamine. Detectives of the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force immediately investigated the tip and discovered the tank, as well as other items commonly used in the manufacture of methamphetamine, including

pseudoephedrine tablets and lithium batteries.

James was found to be in possession of a Taurus .45 caliber semiautomatic pistol, worth approximately \$400, which was seized and will be forfeited, but since he did not use or carry the firearm during and in relation to the commission of the offense, he was not charged with a separate crime relating to the weapon. His vehicle, a 2000 Ford pick-up, worth approximately \$10,000, was seized and will also be forfeited.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry Fentress, and it was investigated by the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force.

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